

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

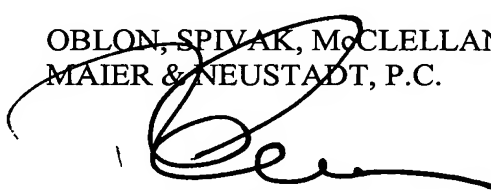
Applicants would like to thank Examiner Macchiarolo for the helpful and courteous interview of July 27, 2005. At that time, proposed amendments to Claims 12-14 were discussed and approved, as was the applicability of similar amendments to Claims 17 and 20. As agreed, and as noted in the Interview Summary, these amendments overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

As also agreed, the above amendments to the claims overcome the outstanding prior art rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 103. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested, as is the passage of this case to Issue.

Applicants have requested that the Examiner extend the search to cover non-elected species. See the Restriction Response filed June 8, 2005. However, should the Restriction Requirement be made final, the Examiner is authorized to cancel non-elected Claims 1-11 without prejudice to their further prosecution in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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